

ay. said first holder-engaging mechanism disposed to matingly interlock with the second holder-engaging mechanism on a second said holder when desired to form said loop; and

said second holder-engaging mechanism disposed to matingly interlock with the first holder-engaging mechanism on a third said holder when desired to form said loop.

26. (amended) The loop of claim 25, wherein each of said holders is unitarily fabricated as a single [piece] component.

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REMARKS

The above claims are amended to further distinguish over the prior art submitted herein. As noted in the Specification, e.g., page 3, lines 15-17, page 15, lines 27-31, applicants' holders preferably are single-piece components whose configuration allows them to be injection-molded. The injection-moldable shape of applicants' holders further distinguishes the presently claimed invention from the prior art submitted herein.

No new matter is presented by virtue of the within amendments.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No.A-67467-2-6/RBC/MAK).

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